

# MANY LIBRARIANS ATTEND LOCAL MEETING

Held in Peck Library—Paper by Jonathan Trumbull.

A meeting in the interest of libraries was held under the direction of the Connecticut public library committee in Peck library on Friday with morning and afternoon session. In attendance were Charles D. Hine, chairman public library committee; Caroline M. Hewins, secretary public library committee; Principal Henry A. Tirrell, Jonathan Trumbull, librarian of Otis library; Frank G. Wilcox, librarian, Holyoke, Mass.; Ethan Wilcox, librarian emeritus, Westerly, R. I.; Mrs. William M. Congdon, library visitor for Rhode Island library commission; Annie M. Bond, Mrs. M. B. Dart, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Niantic; Mrs. George W. Tryon, North Stonington; Bessie Connolly, Old Lyme; Abbie M. Clark, Groton; Carlton Wheeler, school supervisor, Montville and Waterford.

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John Falloway, trustee of Raymond library, Montville; Evelyn R. Curtis, Danielson; Miss Imogene A. Cash and Harriet G. Cross, Norwich; Mrs. J. G. Burr, Baltic.

The address of welcome was given by Principal H. A. Tirrell of the Free Academy to which C. D. Hine responded, he being chairman of the meeting. He also gave an address upon library possibilities. There were reports from the different representatives of libraries regarding conditions in their towns, and suggestions were offered.

Regarding the Peck library, Miss Marshall, the librarian, said that it is of great value. While there is little fiction, the books in art, English literature and classics are more numerous. The books in art are not in very large numbers, but as a whole the circulation is considerable. While there are no fines imposed for keeping books longer than a stated period, she finds that the books are replaced even though it takes some longer to bring them back than others. The library was solely for the use of the pupils and when first started an excellent line of books had been put in. It was used as a supplemental work for the various studies and the children using them increase year after year.

Luncheon was provided at the restaurant in the Academy house.

The first address of the afternoon was Some Principles of Book Selection, by Jonathan Trumbull, librarian at the Otis library. He said:

Librarian Trumbull's Address.

This discussion must embrace an unlimited scope of book selection, for it must necessarily apply to books of all classes. This scope, however, may be reduced by requiring that certain principles of selection to certain classes of books. It is here that expert assistance must come in. These classes are, to use the Dewey classification, religion, science and useful arts—namely only those in which expert assistance appears to be most needed. I have some doubts about including philosophy, but since it has grown to be the fashion of the day to turn the general reader to the broad pastures covered by that very general term, "new thought," I believe it will do no harm to admit free browsing to all readers to whom the term seems attractive. At least, the expert can hardly help us, as yet, for they, themselves, seem to be by no means fully decided as to what "new thought" may be; nor does the general reader seem to be fully convinced that he has found it when he seeks it. Something we hardly know what may be evolved from further study of the term and its definitions, or perhaps further explorations may relegate it to the things that were. It is sufficient for our present purpose to find it included in the new list of subject-readings adopted by the A. L. A.

For the rest, the various subheads under philosophy may require more or less of expert assistance, including, as they do, the thoughts of the great thinkers of all time on metaphysics, psychology, ethics, etc., and the thoughts of little and great thinkers on superstitions, humbugs and psychic phenomena.

The question of expert assistance in the selection of books on the general subject of religion and especially of theology is different. All librarians cannot expect to be divinity students, and it is only to the divinity student of broad mind and large humane sympathies that we should look for expert assistance.

Pursuing still further the question of expert assistance in book selection, we come now to the remaining classes known as science and useful arts. In both of these the question becomes more complicated, for we must look for assistance from many specialists and in selecting books for the general reader we must avoid books of a highly technical nature or at least remember that the technical student is the exception rather than the rule among the patrons of a general public library. On the other hand, some attempts to popularize scientific studies may lead to the selection of books entirely unfit for the purpose, so that it is in avoiding the two extremes that the assistance of the expert is needed. In the useful arts much may be done by studying local conditions. If a library is located in a town whose principal industries are of a certain well defined character, the existence of those industries should in a great measure govern the selection of books which apply to them. And both in the sciences and useful arts, books should be freely supplemented by the general literature, for books can hardly be expected to keep pace with the almost daily march of progress in the literature of the mechanical arts.

It is in the selection of books which do not distinctly require the assistance of experts that the burden of work and responsibility falls on the librarian. Mr. Trumbull cited some of the important guides in the selection of books, new and old.

Other Papers.

The other two addresses which were heard with much interest were: How to Promote the Reading of Better Books, Frank G. Wilcox, librarian, Holyoke, Mass.; and Christmas Books for Children and Young People (with exhibit of books), Caroline M. Hewins, secretary public library committee.

Home from the lathrop.

Leon A. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Russell of East Lyme, arrived Thursday evening from Rocas del Torro, where he has been in the employ of the railroad under the supervision of the late Supt. E. D. Nash. Mr. Russell reached New York by

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